

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a method for conditioning at least one partial area of a cooling process, wherein at least one molded body molded in a molding process, preferably from a melt, is cooled during a cooling process according to a predefined or predefinable temperature profile, wherein thermally caused mechanical tensions are kept to a minimum in the molded body. The inventive method comprises the following steps: at least one conditioning gas is conducted via at least one surface of the molded body, which is corrodible in the presence of water, at least during one part of the cooling process; b) the absolute water content in the conditioning gas is adjusted to a range of at most 6 g water in 1 kg of conditioning drying gas, at least when the conditioning gas enters the cooling process area and/or when the conditioning gas hits the surface of the molded body. Preferably, the molded body comprises steel or glass.